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SUBJECT: REPLY TO FROMENT-MEURICE

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM UNDER
SECRETARY ROBINSON TO FROMENT-MEURICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

QUOTE: DEAR HENRI:

THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION AND COMMENTS IN YOUR LETTER
OF OCTOBER 1, WHICH HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO ME AND WHICH I
MUCH APPRECIATE.

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WITH REGARD TO THE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY THE ALGERIANS, WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THEM THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN ALGIERS AND BELIEVE THAT THEIR CONCERNS WILL PROBABLY BE FOCUSED ON THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF YOUR CONSENSUS PROPOSAL:

--LINKAGE: THEY CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A SECOND MEETING OF MINISTERS SHOULD BE HELD SOONER THAN 12 MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST MEETING.

--TERMS OF REFERENCE: WE ARE TOLD THAT ALGERIANS MADE SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMISSIONS AND THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THESE RESERVATIONS WERE SUFFICIENTLY TAKEN ACCOUNT OF IN YOUR SECOND AIDE MEMOIRE. THEY THEREFORE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RAISE THESE DIFFERENCES AT THE PREPCON.

SINCE, AS YOU POINT OUT, ALGERIA APPEARS NOT TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENTS MADE TO YOUR AUGUST 16 DRAFT TO BE ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO ME TO KNOW THE EXACT NATURE OF THEIR RESERVATIONS. IN THE MEANTIME, IF FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR POSITION SHOULD COME TO MY ATTENTION, I WILL, OF COURSE, KEEP YOU INFORMED.

REGARDING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING I AM IN BASIC AGREEMENT WITH YOUR EXCELLENT ANALYSIS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION:

A. FOLLOWING THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 27 BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, WE HAVE DECIDED TO SUPPORT PARIS AS THE CONFERENCE SITE AND HAVE SO INSTRUCTED OUR EMBASSIES. WE UNDERSTOOD AT THAT MEETING THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES AGREED WITH THE PROPOSAL FOR AN ALTERNATING CHAIRMANSHP, ONE PARTICIPANT FROM EACH GROUP REPRESENTED IN THE CONFERENCE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS QUESTION, TOO, SHOULD BE RESOLVED AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING, AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT A CONSENSUS IS EMERGING ALONG THE LINES OF THIS

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CONCEPT. AGREEMENT AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING ON THIS BASIC APPROACH COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY FORMAL ENDORSEMENT AT THE OPENING OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE CHAIRMEN CHOSEN BY EACH GROUP.

B. WE BELIEVE THAT THE POINTS LISTED IN 2B RELATING TO

THE ORGANIZATION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE DECIDED, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING. THE COMMISSIONS WILL, OF COURSE, BE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED BY THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE TO US THAT THE PREPARATORY MEETING REACH FULL AGREEMENT, ON THE BASIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 15 CONSENSUS, ON THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONS, THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE, THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH COMMISSION, THE DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE ATTENDANCE OF OBSERVERS. THIS AGREEMENT COULD THEN BE FORMALLY CONFIRMED AT THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WHERE THE ADDITIONAL 17 COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED. BUT IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT AGREEMENTS REACHED ON THESE POINTS AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING WILL NOT BE REOPENED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

THIS, IN OUR VIEW, IS ESSENTIAL TO ASSURING A HARMONIOUS AND SUCCESSFUL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

C. WE AGREE THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING IS A DECISION TO BE MADE AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL, AS I GATHERED FROM OUR EARLIER CONVERSATIONS YOU DO, THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY AND THAT NO OBSERVERS WOULD BE PRESENT. I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DECIDE THIS FORMALLY AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING WITH A MINIMUM OF DISCUSSION. HOWEVER, SHOULD OTHERS PROPOSE A DIFFERENT ROLE FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE A WIDER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER OF OBSERVERS AT THE MINISTERIAL, INCLUDING SUCH QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING OBSERVERS AT THIS FIRST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WOULD CONSTITUTE A PRECEDENT FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF OBSERVERS AT OTHER MEETINGS OF THE 27. OF COURSE, THIS WOULD IN NO WAY ALTER THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE IEA WILL BE PRESENT IN THE ENERGY COMMISSION WITH RIGHT TO SPEAK.

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE CLOSE COOPERATION THAT YOU HAVE EXTENDED TO ME.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN PARIS ON OCTOBER 13.

WITH BEST PERSONAL WISHES, CHARLES ROBINSON. END QUOTE.
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